

REMARKS

Claims 19, 22-23, 26, 31, and 37-38 remain in this application. New claim 39 is added, and claims 1-18, 20-21, 24-25, 27-30, and 32-36 are now canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The information included in the information disclosure statement filed August 31, 2005, namely (1) the copy of the German office action dated January 17, 2003, and (2) an English translation of the relevant portion of that office action, are being re-submitted in another information disclosure statement.

Illustration of the "engine" and the "engine compartment" referred to in claim 1 is not necessary for proper understanding of the force-transmission element forming the subject matter of the present invention. The other limitations identified by the Examiner in section 4 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action are not presently claimed, and illustration of features to which those limitations are directed is not required. Illustration of the features discussed by the Examiner in section 5 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, moreover, is not needed for a proper understanding of the invention by one of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objections set forth in sections 4 and 5 of the Office Action are requested.

Paragraphs 0016-0018 of the specification are amended above following consideration of the Examiner's comments in section 6 on pages 4-5 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the reference to the drawings now fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.74.

The change in terminology suggested by the Examiner in section 7 on page 5 of the Office Action has been incorporated into the specification.

As claim 21 is canceled, the objection set forth in section 8 on pages 5-6 of the Office Action is moot.

The claim amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 10 on page 6 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now in this application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

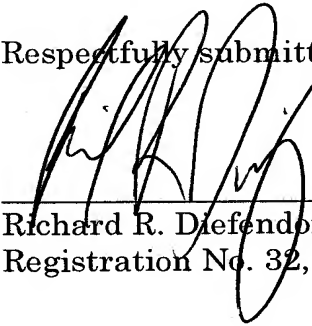
Independent claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), along with various dependent claims, as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,029,765 to Chou et al. Reconsideration is requested. Claim 19 is amended above to more particularly define the force-transmission element of the invention. The Chou et al. powertrain mounting apparatus does not constitute a force-transmission element comprising a first impact plate, a second impact plate having multiple plate parts, a connecting element interconnecting the multiple plate parts, and bars arranged as specified, and in which the connecting element is releasable to permit the multiple plate parts to be pushed apart when the severity of an impact on at least one of the impact plates exceeds a certain limit as claim 19 now particularly defines.

For reasons discussed, it is respectfully submitted that claim 19 above is not anticipated by the Chou et al. patent. Neither of the additional, secondary references identified by the Examiner in sections 14 and 15 on pages 11-13 of the Office Action suggest modifying the Chou et al. apparatus so as to meet the limitations noted, moreover, and claim 19 above should be patentable. All other claims now in this application are dependent claims and should be patentable as well.

This application should now be in allowable condition. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.55776US).

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